

*Vermont CEO nominated by Rep. Welch*

Rep. Peter Welch announced Tuesday that Vermont business leader Jan Blittersdorf has been selected to take part in the White House Forum on Jobs and Economic Growth.

Blittersdorf, CEO and president of Hinesburg-based NRG Systems, will join President Obama, fellow business leaders and financial experts at the White House Thursday to discuss ideas for creating jobs and growing the economy.

Welch nominated Blittersdorf to take part in the forum because of her experience creating quality jobs in Vermont and building one of the state's most successful businesses. Founded in 1982 by David Blittersdorf, NRG Systems is the leading manufacturer of wind measurement systems worldwide. The company employs 110 people and creates products used in more than 130 countries.

"As President Obama considers options to spur the creation of new jobs, Jan's voice and experience will contribute significantly to the discussion," Welch said. "NRG Systems is known not just in Vermont but throughout the world as a technological innovator, a quality employer and a leader in the emerging green economy."

Blittersdorf said, "I am thrilled to have the opportunity to go to D.C. and meet with the President and other leaders on how to get people back to work. I'll bring the voice of a small manufacturer who is dedicated to moving the country towards a renewable energy future."

A graduate of the University of Vermont, Blittersdorf joined NRG Systems in 1987. After serving as vice president and CFO, she became CEO and president in 2004. Jan serves as Vice Chair of the American Wind Wildlife Institute and on the board of directors of the Women of Wind Energy, the Fairbanks Museum and Vermont Businesses for Social Responsibility.